U-701

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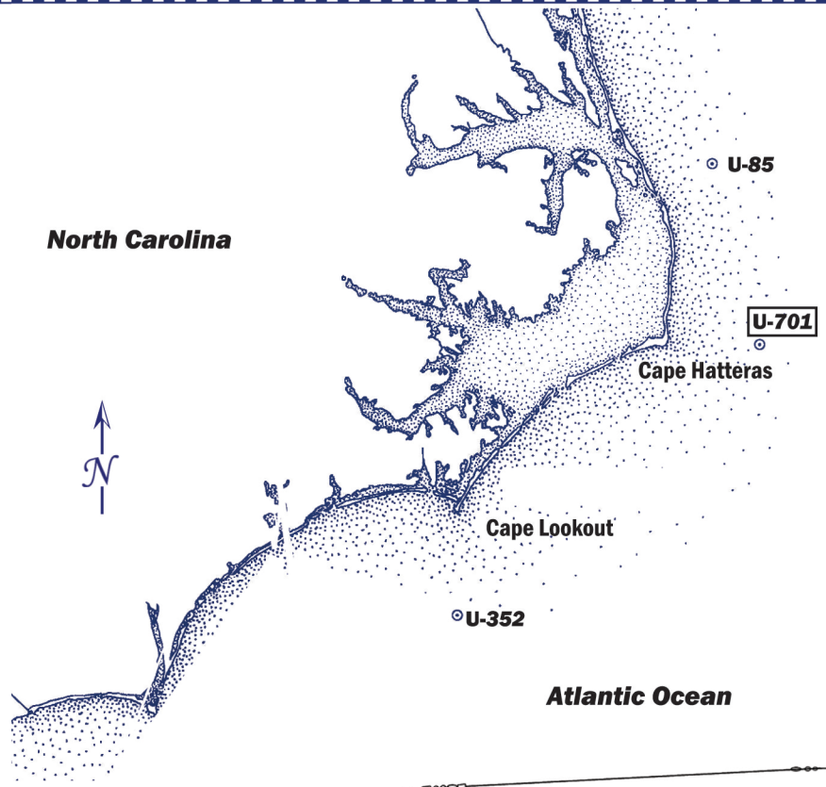


You Should Know

This wreck is federally protected by the SUNKEN MILITARY CRAFT ACT.

Visitation and enjoyment of this cultural resource is encouraged.

Removal of artifacts or alteration of the site is strictly prohibited.

This site is owned by the Federal Republic of Germany and is considered a war grave. Please respect it as such and refrain from alteration or penetration of the site.

You are encouraged to enjoy this resource responsibly and to leave the site unaltered for the enjoyment of future divers.

Vessel History

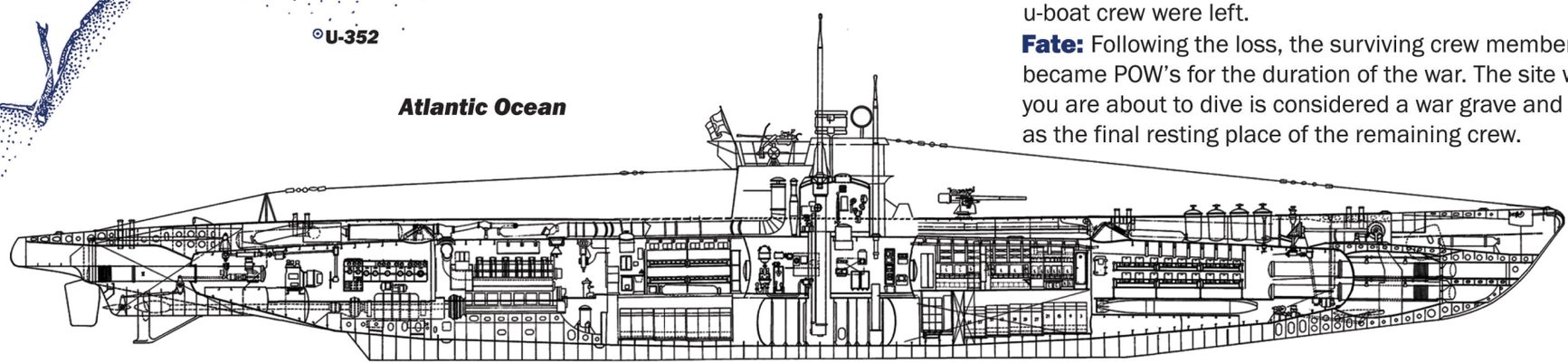
Launched: April 16, 1941, in Hamburg, Germany

Commander: Kapitänleutnant Horst Degen

Actions: Mined the entrance of the Chesapeake Bay and succeeded in sinking or damaging 14 ships,including *William Rockefeller*, one of the largest tankers of the day, and USS YP-*389,* a U.S. Navy patrol boat. The wreckage of these two vessels lie not far from U-*701* in the waters off North Carolina.

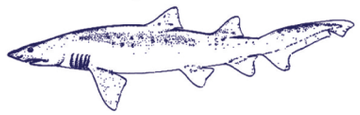
Loss: On July 7, 1942, U-*701* was sunk by Lt. Harry Kane Jr., U.S. Army Air Force, Cherry Point, N.C. Kane's bomber dropped three well aimed aerial depth charges destroying the u-boat. Many of the 46-man crew were seen on the surface. Without the ability to assist the survivors, Kane returned to base. Nearly 48 hours passed before survivors were located, by which time only seven members of the u-boat crew were left.

Fate: Following the loss, the surviving crew members became POW's for the duration of the war. The site which you are about to dive is considered a war grave and serves as the final resting place of the remaining crew.



Marine Life Commonly Found on the U-701 site

Sand Tiger Shark



Odontaspis taurus

Greater Amberjack

Seriola dumerili

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Great Barracuda

Sphyraena barracuda

Northern Sea Robin

Prionotus carolinus

Loggerhead

Caretta caretta

GPS Coordinates: 35°14'21.01"N, 75°6'42.80"W
Depth: 120 fsw
Skill Level: Advanced (Strong Unpredictable Currents)

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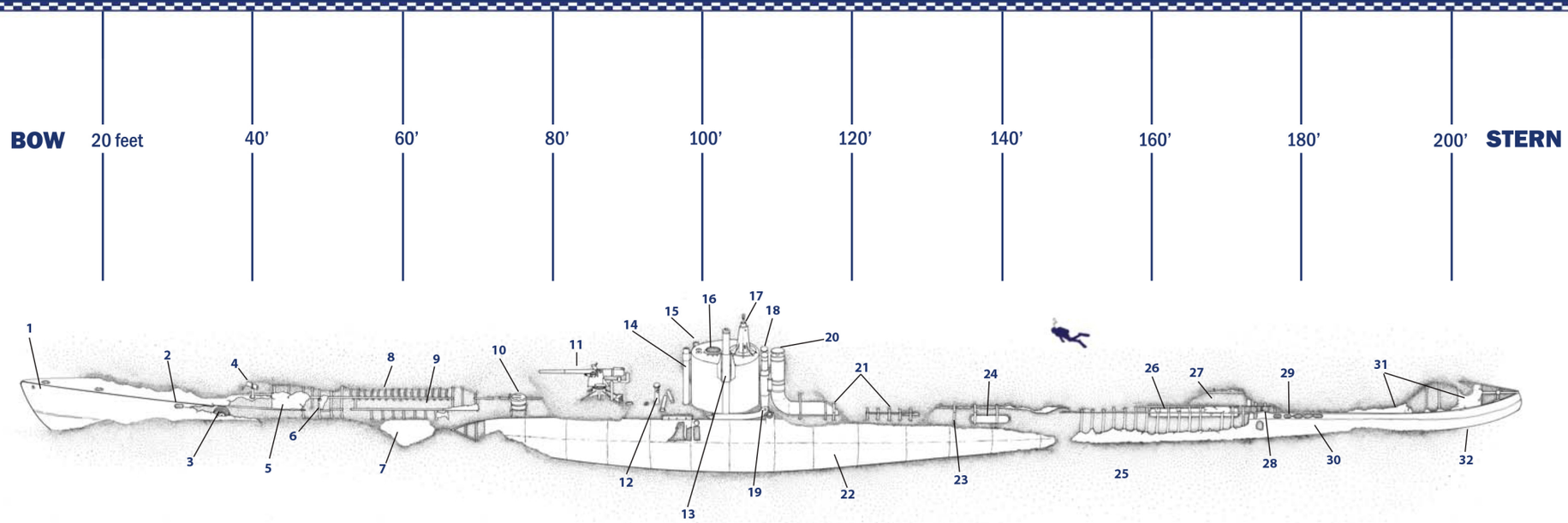
Archaeological Site Plan



1 Outer Hull Fairing/Cutwater
2 Flood Vent in Fairing
3 Anchor Windlass
4 KDB Rotating Hydrophone
5 Deck Plating
6 Deck Support Frames
7 Exposed Pressure Hull
8 Watertight Torpedo Container
9 External Torpedo Access
10 Ready Ammo Container
11 88mm Deck Gun
12 Magnetic Compass Mount
13 UZO Sleeve/Mount
14 Sky Periscope Sleeve
15 RDF Loop Sleeve
16 Conning Tower Hatch
17 Attack Periscope in Housing
18 Air Inlet Masts
19 Diving Tanks Blow Valve
20 Main Surface Air Inlet
21 Decking Support Beams
22 Port Side Saddle Tank
23 Support for Decking
24 High Pressure Air Flask
25 Shifting Sands/Scour
26 External Torpedo Container
27 External Torpedo Deck Access
28 Possible Depth Charge Impact
29 Flood Vents in Fairing
30 Outer Hull Fairing
31 Intact Original Deck Level
32 Buried Propeller and Rudder

Please be aware that this site is characterized by dramatically shifting sands.
This guide may not represent the current distribution of sediment.

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